

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

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☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ ANSWER
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 9/9/2019

DOCKET #:

Kristy F. Gary, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Mr. Louis Johnson
Office/Position: Caddo Parish Commission / District 12 / Caddo
Dates of Service: 2016 - present
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 3

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2017
Report ID: PFD19009137
Original Due Date: 5/15/2018
NOD Received: 9/24/2018
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 10/3/2018
PFD/Answer Filed: 7/26/2019

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500
Days late from receipt of NOD: 296
Total days late from initial due date: 437
Late Fee Order Received: 5/2/2019
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/22/2019
Waiver Request Received: 5/17/2019

COMMENTS:

Mr. Johnson is requesting a waiver for his 2017 Tier 2 PFD. He was came before the Board in May and thought he had resolved all of his late fees. He had been before Board on CF not Disclosure. He submitted via fax on 7/18/2019 an official waiver request but had he known about this was an additional separate fine from the CF matters when he was before the Board in May he would have discussed and handled this then.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: Yes

To: The Louisiana Board of Ethics
Att: Ms. Kristy Gary
From: Louis Johnson – Caddo Parish Commissioner
RE: Waiver request for Personal Financial Report Late fees

Request no objection to Candidacy for upcoming qualifying election:

Please accept this letter as my formal request for a waiver concerning charges levied as a result of late filing for my 2017 Financial Disclosure reports. I am asking that you would consider and grant my request for the following reasons. I was unaware that my reports were not filed in a timely manner. I have gone before the Board of Ethics and was able to prove this fact by numerous certified letters that were mailed to me but never received and returned. My previous reports provide a detailed account of the specifics of what happened that caused my failure to handle my reports in a timely manner.

Once I became aware that my reports were not properly filed I made a personal trip to The Louisiana Board of Ethics in order to explain my situation and get clarity as to how to properly correct the matter. After being advised as how to best address my matter, I then made a second trip to come before the Louisiana Board of Ethics. During my visit to the L.B.O.E. I acknowledged my responsibility and provided my sincere apology for my situation and my commitment that this would not happen again. At this time I filed what I was told to be EVERY report that was late and subject to penalty with the Board of Ethics. At this time I asked "is there anything else that I need to do in order to be current and in good standing?" I was advised that there was nothing else to do and that I could request a waiver and appear before the board. I did. I came before the Board and addressed what I was told and believed to be ALL penalties and delinquencies that I had with the Louisiana Board of Ethics. At this meeting I am very Thankful that the Board granted me an 80% waiver of all Fines before me. During this meeting the Board looked closer and identified that there was another notice of penalty that had gone out for which I was responsible. I Thanked them for advising me of the new penalty and I addressed it at the time of the hearing. While being concerned about this oversight I Thanked the Board for the courtesy and consideration of hearing my case and I asked the Louisiana Board of Ethics at that time. "Do I have any more outstanding penalties with your office and when I address these charges today will I be in good standing." I was advised that I had nothing more and that taking care of the penalties identified during this meeting of the Board would take care of ALL of my reports and ALL of my fines.

As a means to prove that I would put forth EVERY effort to keep this from happening to me again, I advised the Board that I have retained a CPA to oversee and prepare ALL of my campaign reports. I presented a letter to the Board at that time. I also committed to pay ALL fees at the time that I was in Baton Rouge so as to make sure that I was in good standing. I paid ALL charges that I was told to pay. I paid them by personal check and each check has been cashed and cleared through my bank. The total that I paid was \$2,200.00. At the fear of being repetitive I was assured that there were no other penalties with the L.B.O.E.

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FAX 318 621 1056

Though I am sure that the minutes of my meeting is a matter of public record, I will attach supporting attachment /copies to show that I have made every effort to comply. As I respectfully request your consideration and support for a waiver of the fines within your office, I ask for your kind consideration so that there will be no objection to my candidacy during this time of review and resolve. Thank you for this opportunity to inform you of my concerns and please contact me if you should have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you.

At Your Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis Johnson".

Louis Johnson

Caddo Parish Commissioner – District 12



Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - Griffon Room**

MAY 16, 2019

2:30 PM

**617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

Note: Meetings begin on May 16, 2019 and continue to May 17, 2019.

Executive Session

Consideration of complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Discussion in Executive Session in Docket Nos. 2009-807, 2010-190 and 2011-247 regarding charges issued against Robert Marionneaux.

Discussion in executive session of charges regarding Kathy Davis- Roberson in Docket No. 2015-209.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Maxie Ratcliff and Lavone Ratcliff in Docket No. 2016-001.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges pending against Curtis Mack in Docket No. 2016-1064.

Discussion in Executive Session concerning pending charges against Jarad Charpentier and James Charpentier in Docket No. 2016-1177.

Discussion in Executive Session regarding charges issued against Tonya Calhoun in Docket No. 2018-782.

Louisiana Board of Ethics

**LaSalle Building
First Floor - LaBelle Room**

MAY 17, 2019

9:00 AM

**617 North 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

GENERAL

Public Hearings

G1. Docket No. 19-327

Public hearing to consider a declaratory opinion request from Representative Nancy Landry regarding the propriety of her election, appointment, or employment by the House of Representatives to the position of Clerk of the House of Representatives once her term of office has expired.

Appearances

G2. Docket No. 19-439

Advisory opinion request regarding John O'Donnell's candidacy for member of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury.

G3. Docket No. 19-518

Request that the Board waive the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Adrian Perkins, a candidate for Mayor, City of Shreveport, Bossier & Caddo Parishes, in the November 6, 2018 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late.

G4. Docket No. 19-519

Request that the Board waive four (4) \$1,000 campaign finance late fees and a \$2,000 civil penalty for inaccurately filing a campaign finance report, assessed against Louis Johnson, a candidate for Caddo Parish Commission Member, District 12, in the October 14, 2017 election, whose 30-P, 10-P, EDE-P, and 10-G Campaign finance disclosure reports were filed 64, 97, 77, and 62 days late and a 10-G campaign finance report that was inaccurately filed.

Consent Agenda and Consent Opinions

G5. Docket No. CHART

Chart for Advisory Opinion Requests on the General Consent May 2019 Agenda.

G6. Docket No. 18-1544

Advisory opinion request from Judge Arthur L. Hunter, Jr. as to the propriety of using campaign funds to pay for costs associated with the Allen Ray Bolin Trial Advocacy Workshop.

G7. Docket No. 19-347

Advisory opinion request regarding Janice Lingle's candidacy for member of the DeSoto Parish School Board after her retirement.

G8. Docket No. 19-348

Advisory opinion request and request for approval of disclosure plan regarding the Town of Church Point doing business with Daigle's Hardware which is owned by the newly-elected mayor, Ryan Meche.

G9. Docket No. 19-357

Advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Trent Brown from seeking outside employment with the West Rapides Drainage Commission as a beaver trapper while he is employed with the Louisiana Department of Transportation (DOTD).

G10. Docket No. 19-358

Advisory opinion request regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Stephen Nunnery's daughter, Megan Nunnery, from continuing her employment with the Inspections Department of the City of Zachary if he is promoted to Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

G11. Docket No. 19-359

Advisory Opinion request from Mark D. Plaisance, Chief Indigent Defender for Lafourche Parish, as to the post-termination restrictions following his resignation.

G12. Docket No. 19-360

Request for an advisory opinion from Roddy Bergeron, a potential candidate for Lafayette Parish Council, relative to a possible ethics conflict involving his wife, Megan Bergeron, an employee at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.


G13. Docket No. 19-361

List of Fines / Late Fees

Filer	Report	Election	Date Filed	Late	Days	Fee	Current	Amount	Balance	Susp	W/O	Status
						Due Date	Fee	Paid				
Johnson, Louis	40-G	10/14/201				04/13/201	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00			AG: 11/29/2018
Johnson, Louis	10-P	10/14/201	01/09/201	97		01/01/300	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		200	
Johnson, Louis	10-G	10/14/201	01/09/201	62		01/01/300	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		200	
Johnson, Louis	EDE-P	10/14/201	01/09/201	77		01/01/300	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		200	
Johnson, Louis	30-P	10/14/201	11/17/201	64		01/01/300	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		200	
Johnson, Louis	10-G	10/14/201	01/09/201			01/01/300	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		400	
Johnson, Louis	SUPP	10/14/201	03/26/201	39			\$400.00		\$400.00			

\$1,200.00
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RECEIPT		DATE <u>5/17/2019</u>	No. <u>779456</u>
RECEIVED FROM <u>Louis Johnson</u>		<u>SA20-118554</u>	\$ <u>1000.00</u>
<u>One thousand and 00/100</u>		DOLLARS	
<input type="radio"/> FOR RENT <input checked="" type="radio"/> FOR <u>LA Board of Ethics</u>		<u>Check # 3964</u>	
ACCOUNT	<u>SA20-118554</u>	<input type="radio"/> CASH	FROM <u>Chl Cr</u> TO _____ BY <u>Cheryl Monroe</u>
PAYMENT	<u>1000.00</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> CHECK	
BAL. DUE		<input type="radio"/> MONEY ORDER	
		<input type="radio"/> CREDIT CARD	

Louis Johnson 8613 Gahagan Ct. Shreveport, LA 71119		3964 84-75843111
DATE <u>5/17/19</u>		
PAY TO THE ORDER OF <u>La Dept. of Justice</u> <u>ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS</u>		\$ <u>-1000.00</u>
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FOR <u>FINE/Ethics SA20-118554</u> <u>Louis Johnson</u>		
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**Talmadge E. Mitchel
Certified Public Accountant
A Professional Corporation**

May 16, 2019

Louisiana Board of Ethics
617 North Third Street
LaSalle Building, Suite 10-36
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Louis Johnson
Caddo Parish Commissioner – District 12

Louis Johnson has retained my services to assist in the preparation of the Campaign Finance Reports. These services are to prepare and file the Campaign Finance Reports on a timely basis in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

If you have any questions concerning this acknowledgement, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Talmadge E. Mitchel
Certified Public Accountant
A Professional Corporation



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**SHREVE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**To: *Ms. Kristy Gary*Fax number: *225-381-7271*From: *Louis Johnson*Sender's Phone: *(318) 751-1774*Date: *7/18/19*Num. of Pages: *8*
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Comments for Filer: Louis Johnson

Report: 2017 Tier 2 - Caddo Parish Commission / District 12 / Caddo

Louis Johnson - Delinq. Type: Failure to File - 2017 Tier 2 - Caddo Parish Commission / District 12 / Caddo

Created on 10/2/2018 10:29:33 AM by kwinfrey

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Return of service: Filer Served by Personal Service: 9/24/18. Ethics Received: 10/1/18

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Set Report Due Date of 10/3/2018 based on receipt of Failure to File (Annual) on 9/24/2018.

Louis Johnson - Delinq. Type: Failure to File - 2017 Tier 2 - Caddo Parish Commission / District 12 / Caddo

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Late fee order returned "unclaimed". I will re-issue by personal service

Louis Johnson - Delinq. Type: Failure to File - 2017 Tier 2 - Caddo Parish Commission / District 12 / Caddo

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Late Fee: PFD Failure to File sent on 4/24/2019 received on 5/2/2019.

Set Original Due Date. Set Balance Due By to: 5/22/2019.

Louis Johnson - Delinq. Type: Failure to File - 2017 Tier 2 - Caddo Parish Commission / District 12 / Caddo

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Received subpoena return by email today. Personal service on 5/2/19 @ 12:31 pm. Mr. Johnson left a voicemail at 1:00 pm today to call him to discuss late fee @ 318.751.1774. I emailed Karen the phone # and message.

Louis Johnson - Delinq. Type: Failure to File - 2017 Tier 2 - Caddo Parish Commission / District 12 / Caddo

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Spoke with filer today. He stated that he came to Baton Rouge and met with Melissa for a campaign finance issue and that she said he had taken care of all issues. He wanted to know if she could check to see if he had other issues at the Board. I explained that she could not log into my database. He indicated that he had a campaign finance issue scheduled for the May board meeting and wanted to know if we could add his disclosure late fees waiver request to the agenda. I explained that we could not do that but if he sent in his waiver request before June 3, we could delay his campaign finance hearing and combine the disclosure request so the board could hear both in July. I also explained that if he has a favorable result, he will not have to pay the late fee and forfeit an appeal. If the result is not favorable, he will have to pay and forfeit the appeal because he will have to qualify for the election before our next board meeting. He understood.

Louis Johnson - Delinq. Type: Failure to File - 2017 Tier 2 - Caddo Parish Commission / District 12 / Caddo

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Spoke with Mr. Johnson. He is questioning this fine. He states he came before the Board in May and thought he had resolved all of his late fees. He had been before Board on CF not Disclosure. Per Tracy. Have him submit a waiver for this 2017 PFD within 15 days and it will be brought to the Board. I made Mr. Johnson aware of this. He said he understood and would submit a waiver via fax today.